



SOUTH ASIA: Very heavy monsoon showers (100-300 mm or more) caused additional flooding in rice areas of northern India's Gangetic Plain (Uttar Pradesh and Bihar). Moderate to heavy rain (25-50 mm or more) also continued in eastern India and Bangladesh, maintaining abundant to excessive irrigation reserves for rice and other summer crops. Elsewhere, locally heavy rain (25-100 mm) concentrated over north-central India (Punjab and Haryana), and neighboring sections of Pakistan increased late-season irrigation reserves along the Indus River system. However, the rain may have caused problems for newly opened cotton bolls. Scattered showers (10-50 mm or more) in central and southern India were overall favorable for summer crop development, although unseasonably light showers (10 mm or less) returned to Gujarat, where moisture levels have been limited for much of the growing season.